

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 313
By Cohen

A RESOLUTION to honor Winifred Williamson Doss on the
occasion of her 90th birthday.

WHEREAS, Winifred Williamson Doss was born on May 7, 1913, in Wylam, Alabama, to
Thomas and Mary Elizabeth Williamson; and

WHEREAS, she grew to be a young woman and married Earl A. Doss of Whitwell,
Tennessee, on July 2, 1932; and

WHEREAS, she brought into this world three loving and devoted children: Nancy,
Dianne, and Phillip; and

WHEREAS, she worked side-by-side with her husband for more than sixty years through
the daily travails of this world to make a good marriage and build a good life; and

WHEREAS, she has witnessed and participated in the history of the 20th Century---from
her father's telling her World War I had ended through the Great Depression and World War II, a
life which began with Woodrow Wilson as President of the United States, to date one of sixteen

Presidents throughout the course of her life, a life which began when cars were rare, the first air flight was only ten years past, and man's walking on the moon would not occur for 56 years; and Whereas, she is surrounded by the love of her daughters and her sons, whether natural or by law, and by her grandchildren Darla, Debra, Gordon, Todd, Earl, Andrew, Alexander and her great-grandchildren Nick, Holley, Nathan, Ashley, Taylor, Tyler; and

WHEREAS, by virtue of her singular ability to love children, whether her own or those of her neighbors or those of the world, she has given purpose to her life and small but not insignificant moments of solace to others, knowing that a peppermint and a hug can have great impact on a child's life; and

WHEREAS, she continues to extol to children of all ages the virtues of cleanliness, good posture, and proper grammar; and

WHEREAS, in her estimation Memphis, Tennessee, has always been and continues to be "such a nice city"; and

WHEREAS, she has maintained throughout her life a respect of self and insisted upon the same from those who share the world with her while demonstrating a humanity to which we can all aspire; and

WHEREAS, she has given us to realize upon only minimal reflection that this world is a better place because of her and that is no small thing; and

WHEREAS, on May 7, 2003, she will have attained the age of 90 years, having lived her life thus far with optimism, grace and love; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby recognize Winifred Williamson Doss's exemplary life and wish her a happy and healthy 90th birthday surrounded by those whom she loves and who love her, as well as many more years of optimism and love.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Winifred Williamson Doss with this final clause omitted from such copy.